

Entered at the Postoffice at Accomac C. H., Va., as second-class matter.

The Legislature of Virginia, which met last Wednesday, re-elected all the officers of last session, with the exception of Mr. Wm. D. Haynes, of Franklin, the doorkeeper, who was defeated by Mr. L. James Gunter, of Accomac.

The demand for a change in our system of working the public roads is confined to no section of our country. So far as we are advised, there is not a dissenting voice in the matter—the method of securing what they want seems to be the only obstacle that confronts us—and Mr. S. W. Matthews, acting upon the suggestion of Senator Blackstone, and speaking not only for himself but for the entire community in which he lives, seems to furnish the way out of the difficulty. He has rightly concluded that the way to secure the change desired, is not by folding our arms and whining for it, but to take steps to secure it. To that end he has suggested, that delegates be selected from every section of the county next Saturday, to meet in Convention, at Accomac C. H., the following Wednesday, to formulate a road law in accordance with their needs and their ability to meet the burdens it imposes. To refuse to act at once, as Mr. Matthews has suggested, is to defer the matter, perhaps, indefinitely. The Legislature will be in session only three months, and there is no time for delay. Now, our representatives have time to hear us and to consider our demands, but later in the session matters of greater importance will engage the attention of that body and they could not. If, in earnest, therefore, in demanding a better system of working our public roads, let us act, not hastily, but at once—and it being a matter in which every tax payer in the county is interested, let us see to it, that representative men from every section of the county are present at said meeting.

Extracts from the Governor's message occupy much of the space in this issue of the ENTERPRISE. The document is a lengthy one and generally accepted by the Press of the State as an able and careful paper. The suggestions made by him will for the most part, be endorsed by the people of the State. Many of the topics treated, especially, railroads, criminal expenses, county roads and separate cars for white and colored people on the railroad, call for careful consideration and intelligent action on the part of the members of the General Assembly. The two most important questions, debt and oysters, are not referred to, but will be discussed later by the Governor in special messages.

THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

It gives me pleasure, says the Governor in his message, to welcome the representatives of the people to the capital, and to be able to report that since the adjournment of the last Legislature the laws of the Commonwealth have been faithfully executed, offenders have brought to justice, and the good people have been protected in their persons and property. The whole State has been blessed with good health, abundant crops have repaid the husbandman with more than an average yield, and everything needed to make life comfortable and abundant. Produce brings a fair price, labor is adequately rewarded; real estate is not so active as it was a year ago, but the general outlook for the prosperity of the State is good, and gives encouragement to every branch of industry.

WORK FOR DECEMBER.

There is much important work for you to do in December. The usual State officers are to be elected—their terms expire on the 1st of January next—a United States Senator and County Judges are to be elected, vacancies have occurred in quite a number of counties by the resignation of some of the Judges and by the death of others.

COUNTY ROADS.

In regard to the demand for the improvement of the county roads, the Governor has suggested that the Legislature to do but to allow the board of supervisors, if the people of the county wish it, and they are elected by the people and are responsible to them, and should know their best interests and be governed by them, to borrow money to improve the roads of their counties, but the law should be carefully guarded so as to prevent injudicious borrowing and expenditures of money and unreasonable tax rates. The Legislature should be allowed to do but to allow the board of supervisors, if the people of the county wish it, and they are elected by the people and are responsible to them, and should know their best interests and be governed by them, to borrow money to improve the roads of their counties, but the law should be carefully guarded so as to prevent injudicious borrowing and expenditures of money and unreasonable tax rates. The Legislature should be allowed to do but to allow the board of supervisors, if the people of the county wish it, and they are elected by the people and are responsible to them, and should know their best interests and be governed by them, to borrow money to improve the roads of their counties, but the law should be carefully guarded so as to prevent injudicious borrowing and expenditures of money and unreasonable tax rates.

THE RAILROADS.

No complaint has been made me officially against the railroads of the State. Yet I hear that complaints exist against some of the railroads for improper discrimination against certain localities and against certain articles of transportation. I have also heard that there are complaints that the roads were run on such schedules as to prejudice certain localities, destroying by unjust rates advantages which nature has given, inconveniencing the people and injuring their business. Connecting lines should be required to make close connections as practicable, for the convenience of the traveling public and reasonable freight rates should be required, and no advantage allowed for freight, or that from other States, over our own. These things should be investigated, and if they prove true steps should be at once taken to remedy the wrongs complained of. We should not forget that the Virginia

railroads were built to benefit Virginia first, and chiefly. We are now oppressed by heavy debt in consequence of their construction, and they should not be used to the prejudice of the people's rights, nor to give the advantage to other States and people over our own. I do not believe we should tolerate unjust restrictions on the railroads. They have done and are now doing a great work in developing the State, and all reasonable encouragement should be given to them, but the rights of the citizen should not be sacrificed or ignored. If injustice has in any way been done to place or people, I am sure the railroads will be willing to remedy the wrong when their attention is called to it. If they hesitate then the Legislature should promptly remedy the wrong complained of by appropriate legislation.

SEPARATE COACHES FOR NEGROES.

The Governor recommends separate coaches for negroes and says the negroes do not in all social relations and should be in travel. He suggests a license valid Pullman Palace cars where food and other refreshments are sold.

He recommends an appropriation for a Virginia exhibit at the Chicago Exposition, but names no amount. He recommends salaries for Commonwealth's Attorneys.

The message calls special attention to the importance of the Legislature being more careful in granting such incorporate privileges to chartered corporations. He points at what some of these have resulted in in the past and asks the Assembly to remedy the evil. He says the people appear to demand a railway commission, but does not specially recommend one.

CRIMINAL EXPENSES.

The Governor refers to the annual increase in the criminal expenses of the State, and makes the following recommendations to the Legislature:

1. Reduce the number of felonious offences.
2. Pay the attorneys for the Commonwealth and other officers a fixed salary, and apportion all criminal expenses between the State and counties one-third to be paid by the State and two-thirds by the counties.
3. Make the party who causes a needless prosecution pay all the costs.
4. Make the superintendent of the penitentiary send for all convicts.
5. That the jurisdiction of the justices for the trial of misdemeanors.

La grippe is raging again in Farmville, forty cases alone at the Normal school being reported.

Ex-Treasurer George A. Wilson, of Norfolk county, Va., realized \$37,000 from 3,000 acres of land planted in corn this year.

Three thousand cattle have been sold in Pulaski county, Va., this year for exportation to Europe, and at least one thousand and smaller cattle were shipped from the county to Northern markets.

The Roanoke Times says: "There are numerous indications, proofs, facts, that a mild wave of the grip is sweeping across Southwest Virginia. From a personal observation the Times is convinced that there is a thousand cases in Roanoke."

The twenty-fourth annual session of the Grand Lodge of Good Templars commenced in Suffolk, Va., Tuesday and will continue in session during the week. The organization numbers 6,000 members in this State and has 148 lodges. There has been expended in its work this year over \$2,000. The present session is regarded by its leaders as the most important one of any previously held by this order.

Hon. John E. Massey, Virginia's Superintendent of Public Schools, and who has been called the "father of readjustment," has written a letter in which he says, in reference to the debt settlement, "The terms are substantially those I advised as the ultimate when consulted upon the subject last summer, and I fully and heartily approve them. Mr. Massey says the terms agreed upon are, in his opinion, "the very best the bondholders will ever get."

GRAFTON, W. VA., November 30.—Josiah Carpenter, the oldest inhabitant of West Virginia, died at his residence in Preston county yesterday. Estimate of Carpenters' age varied, but none placed him under 120 years. He claimed to have been born in Loudoun county, Va., in 1772, and is therefore 119 years old. He claimed to remember Braddock's defeat. Carpenter has a son who died ten years ago at the age of 80. Until recently his health has been fairly good. He has one daughter living who is over 80.

A dispatch from Richmond, Va., to the Balt. Sun states that some of the Capitol officials think that an effort will be made at this session of the Legislature to largely increase the appropriation for pensions for disabled Confederate soldiers. That made by the last Legislature was \$85,000, exclusive of the \$10,000 for the Confederate Soldiers' Home. An effort was made last year to put the figures at \$120,000, but in the financial condition of the Commonwealth the advocate of the increase was induced not to press it. Should the same effort be made at this session it may be more successful. Virginia contributes more for her Confederate soldiers than any other State in the South, with possibly one or two exceptions. Under the Virginia law the widow of a Confederate soldier who volunteered from this State is entitled to \$30 per annum, provided that she is not possessed of an income of over \$300, nor personal property to the value of \$1,000 or over.

AMERICAN WALTHAM WATCHES.

6 & 8 N. CHARLES ST. BALTIMORE, MD.

Fine Jewelry, Solid Silverware and Platedware.

—J. S. McDONALD, —

Charles & Baltimore Sts.

Parker House, Cor. Clarke Ave. & Willow St., Pocomoke City, Md., A. PARKER, Proprietor. King & Hitchens livery attached. Hack meets all trains.

S. W. Wiley & Co.,

Commission Merchants,

and shippers of Fruit and Country Produce, 258 Washington St., - New York. Shipping No. 21

Stencils and cards furnished on application.

A. L. Brower, A. S. Brower.

—Produce—

Commission Merchants,

243 Washington Street, New York.

Reference by permission—Chas. H. Fancher, Esq., Pres. Irving National Bank, N. Y.

W. J. Becker & Co.,

Commission—

---Merchants.

For the sale of all kinds of produce.

15 W. Seventh St., Erie, Pennsylvania.

Reference—Second National Bank, Erie, Pa., or any Mercantile Agency.

JOHNSON & MATHIAS,

(Successors to J. F. Parks & Johnson)

Parkside, Va.

Wheelwrights and Undertakers,

Also Manufacturers of

Light and Heavy Wagons and

Carts—a specialty.

Prompt attention given to repairing

all vehicles.

As we have recently purchased a new

house and full supply of Caskets

and Coffins, we respectfully

solicit the patronage of

the public.

SPRING and SUMMER

IMPORTATIONS.

now ready for inspection.

—E. G. POLK—

LEADING CLOTHIER

and

MERCHANT TAILOR,

—Pocomoke City, Md.—

Will visit Drummondton every

court day with a full line

of samples.

PEA

HALF BARRELS,

(Patented January 8, 1889.)

—Best in the Market.—

32 Quart Crates,

60 Quart Crates.

Strawberry Baskets.

Manufactured by

Pocomoke Barrel Basket & Crate Co.

Cranmer & Son,

WHEELWRIGHTS

and Manufacturers of

Timber Carts, Wagons, Harrows, Plows

Pocomoke City, Md.

HORSE CARTS a specialty.

Everything in the Wheelwright line.

Prompt attention given to repairing.

POCOMOKE

MARBLE WORKS

J. Henry Young,

(Successor to Saville & Young.)

Pocomoke City, Md.

Manufacturers and Dealers in

Marble and Granite Monuments, Tablets, Head Stones, &c., of latest designs at lowest possible prices. Also dealers in Iron Pipes, Galvanized Pipe, &c.

Largest collection of latest designs to select from.

W. J. DOUGHTY, Onancock, Agent.

WM. E. DOUGHTY, with

Frank M. Baker & Co.,

Successors to Ramsey, Baker & Co.

Importers and Jobbers of

Queensware, Glassware,

LAMPS, &c.

323 W. Balto. & 320 German Sts., Baltimore, Md.

JONA PARKS,

Carpenter & Builder

Accomac C. H., Va.

Offers his services to the public

and is prepared to work by

day or job, or will contract, furnishing

all material when desired. He refers to his former

patrons.

Come to the Low Price Store

Here is the place to save money, at W. J. HALL'S STORE, at BELINDA.

I am just filled up with Fall and Winter Goods

of all kinds. Dry Goods, Notions, Hats, Boots and Shoes, Rubber Goods, Oil Skins, Ready-Made Clothing, Furniture, Stoves, Hay, Oil Carpet, Mattings, Harness, Groceries, Hardware, Wood & Willow-ware, Chockery-ware, etc.

Also agents for Road Carts, Carriages, Powell's Fertilizers; and have always on hand a large lot of handsome Ladies' Trimmed Hats.

Everything sold at the very lowest price. We are receiving new goods two and three times a week.

Call and see our goods and prices before buying elsewhere, always ready to show goods.

WALTER J. HALL, Belinda, Va.

The largest stock on this Shore of

CARRIAGES

and everything that belong to a first-class carriage and saddlery establishment.

Bottom prices on all. Repairing neatly and promptly done. All orders have prompt attention. I thank you for past favors and ask a continuance of same. Respectfully,

C. W. COVINGTON,

NEW CHURCH, VA.

Bargains for Everybody.

—J. A. HALL & CO.,—

MARSH MARKET, VA.

Our store is now filled with a choice

line of carefully selected bargains in

GENERAL MERCHANDISE

and in addition we carry a full line of

Ready-Mixed and Other Paints, Oils,

Bricks, Lime, Stoves, Fur-

niture and Coal,

to which has recently been added

Sash, Doors, Mantels, Blinds

and Other Materials,

purchased direct from factories in the

West at prices which will enable us to

fill orders as low as can be done by

anyone on the Shore—and merchants

will be allowed a discount on their

goods.

Highest market price paid for produce

in exchange for goods.

J. A. HALL & CO.,

Marsh Market, Va.

DAVID B. TAYLOR & CO.,

Manufacturers and Dealers in

PLAIN, STAMPED AND JAPANESE

TINWARE,

STOVES AND

HOLLOWWARE,

26 S. HOWARD ST.,

Baltimore, Md.

Established 1798.

Hugh Bolton & Co.,

207 & 209 McElderry's Wharf,

Baltimore, Md.

Manufacturers and Dealers in

Glass, Oils, Paints and Naval

Stores, Lined and Boiled

Oils, White Lead, &c.

Ready Mixed Paints of all

colors.

DAVIS HOTEL.

—NEW CHURCH.—

—Accomac county, Va.—

James E. Davis, Prop'r.

Livery stables attached. Pas-

sengers met on every train,

and conveyed to any

part of Peninsula.

Horses bought, sold and ex-

changed.

—House open all night.

Hacks to Franklin City and

return, daily.

THE BEST OF EVERYTHING FOR CHRISTMAS!

—Right to the front of all competition we place our—

Elegant New Holiday Stock

Complete in assortment! Splendid in quality! Overflowing with generous bargains in

Watches and Jewelry

Clocks, Silverware, Novelties, Etc.

The new, the novel and the beautiful. Popular selections, plenty of variety, newest attractions.

ANY QUANTITY OF SUITABLE GIFTS FOR OLD AND YOUNG.

A thoroughly first-class stock, combining novelty, quality and elegance with prices strictly fair.

Everybody is pleased with our Holiday Display.

LLOYD & BLAINE,

—ALSO—

E. I. BLAINE & CO., SUCCESSORS TO E. FONTAINE

POCOMOKE CITY, MD.

PUBLIC AUCTION OF VALUABLE HOTEL PROPERTY AT ACCOMAC C. H., VA.

By virtue of a decree of the circuit court for Accomac county, Va., entered on the 7th day of November, 1891, in the suit of John T. Powell's adm'rs, &c. vs. Upshur B. Quinby, trustee, &c., the undersigned will proceed to sell, at public auction to the highest bidder, before the front door of the court-house of said county, on

Monday, the 28th day of December, A. D. 1891, that being court-day, at 2 o'clock P. M.,

that valuable hotel property, described in said decree as follows: "all that lot, piece or parcel of land, known as the hotel property, situate, lying and being in the village of Drummondton, in the county of Accomac, State of Virginia, containing one and nine-tenths acres, (1 9-10 A.), more or less, and bounded on the east by the cross street and the lot belonging to Charles B. Lilliston, on the south by said lot belonging to Charles B. Lilliston and the land of Allen and others, on the west by lands of John W. Gillet, and on the north by the Main street."

The Terms of Sale, prescribed by the said decree, will be as follows:

Ten per centum of the purchase money to be paid in cash on the day of sale, with liberty to the purchaser to pay as much more on that day as he may desire, and the balance not paid on the day of sale to be divided into three equal instalments, payable respectively at one, two and three years from the day of sale, with interest from that day, to be secured by the separate bonds of the purchaser, with good personal security thereto to be approved by the undersigned special commissioner, the title to be retained as additional security until the whole of the purchase money is paid, the premises are to be at the risk of the purchaser from the time they are bid off by him, and he is to be entitled to possession of the premises on the 1st day of January, 1893, upon having complied with the terms of sale, and is not to receive any rents or profits of the premises before said date, and upon payment of the whole purchase money, and confirmation of the sale, conveyance will be decreed to the purchaser by deed with special warranty of title, the cost of preparing such conveyance to be borne by the purchaser.

Given under my hand this 18th day of November, A. D. 1891. UPISHUR B. QUINBY, Special Commissioner.

In the clerk's office of the circuit court for the county of Accomac, November 18th, 1891, Upshur B. Quinby, special commissioner, has this day, before me in my office, executed the bond required of him by the decree mentioned in the foregoing notice, with sureties deemed sufficient by me.

Test: John D. Grant, C. C.

HOLSTEIN-FRIESIAN CATTLE FOR SALE.

To reduce my herd at "Cedar Grove Farm," I will sell a few young cows, between 2 and 3 years old—some thoroughbred Holsteins, either registered or entitled to registry, and some grades, a cross between Holstein and Alderney, but all black and white. Also calves from these cows which were fresh last spring and two Dutch Belted cows, and one thoroughbred Alderney.

To avoid breeding in and in, I will also sell my thoroughbred Holstein-Friesian bull, (registered). He is 4 years old and perfectly gentle. His dam was from Wm. M. Singler's celebrated "Record Farm," near Philada. I offer these at very reasonable figures. Address

GEO. W. COVINGTON, Snow Hill, Worcester county, Md.

JOHN D. COUPER, MARBLE WORKS,

111, 113 & 115 Bank St., Norfolk, Va.

Cemetery work as low as in Northern markets. Write for prices.

You can save money

by buying your goods from

N. B. RICH,

WACHAPREAGUE, VA.

He has the goods,—has